

## **STATEMENT ON LIBYA BY GHANA GOVERNMENT**

The Government of the Republic of Ghana has decided to extend diplomatic recognition to the Transitional National Council (TNC) of Libya as the legitimate ruling authority of that country.

In arriving at the decision, Government has taken due account of the political and security situation in Libya particularly, the TNC's effective control over a greater part of the country and the commitment of the TNC to democratic and pluralistic elections.

Ghana calls on the TNC to work towards a fast and smooth transition to constitutional and democratic Government and ensure the safety and protection of African immigrants in the territory of Libya.

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